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Patent Application No. 10/799,861 were mailed on 04/04/2007 and on 09/17/2007. Copies of these Office Actions are available through the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. If the Examiner so requests, Applicants will provide the Examiner with a copy of these Office Actions.

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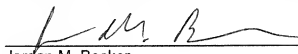
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